

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 627
By Bunch

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Don Lorton upon
receiving the 2005 Robert W. Varnell Jr.
Leadership Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly pause to recognize those venerable public servants who have dedicated themselves to enhancing the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Don Lorton is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Don Lorton was recently named the 2005 recipient of the Robert W. Varnell Jr. Leadership Award; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious award is bestowed on an outstanding community leader who displays unfailing determination, hard work, and care and concern for others in his professional and community activities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lorton worked with great acumen and alacrity in the appliance industry for thirty-nine years and he served as President of the Magic Chef Company, Maytag Diversified Operations, and Maytag North American Appliance Group; and

WHEREAS, an advocate of public education, Don Lorton has served as a board member of the Cleveland Education Foundation; he also helped to create the Bradley/Cleveland Public Education Foundation, serving as both board member and President; and

WHEREAS, evincing great commitment to community service, Mr. Lorton currently serves as Chair of the Bradley Healthcare Foundation's Business Foundations Committee and the Cleveland Family YMCA's Capital Steering Committee; he also serves on the President's Council for Junior Achievement and is a permanent member of the First Baptist Church's Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Mr. Lorton's dedication, participation, and commitment to the United Way earned him the William F. Johnson Sr. Community Service Award, the highest honor bestowed to a United Way volunteer; and

WHEREAS, an active and devout member of the First Baptist Church, Don Lorton has faithfully served his congregation and community for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lorton's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Don Lorton is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, for his many contributions to his profession and his community, Mr. Lorton is wholly deserving of the 2005 Robert W. Varnell Jr. Leadership Award, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Don Lorton upon receiving the 2005 Robert W. Varnell Jr. Leadership Award, commend him for his laudable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee, honor his myriad accomplishments, and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.